

Introduced by Senator Oropeza

February 17, 2010

An act to amend Section 12838.3 of the Government Code, and to add Section 1710.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1067, as introduced, Oropeza. Juvenile justice: recidivism.

Existing law provides that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation consists of Juvenile Justice, among others. Existing law creates within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation under the Chief Deputy Secretary for Juvenile Justice, the Division of Juvenile Facilities, the Division of Juvenile Programs, and the Division of Juvenile Parole Operations.

This bill would make a clarifying change by creating the Division of Juvenile Justice. The bill would also make other nonsubstantive conforming changes.

Existing law states that the purpose of the Division of Juvenile Parole Operations within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is to monitor and supervise the reentry into society of youthful offenders under the jurisdiction of the department, and to promote the successful reintegration of youthful offenders into society, in order to reduce the rate of recidivism, thereby increasing public safety.

This bill would require the Division of Juvenile Justice to track recidivism rates of youthful offenders under the jurisdiction of the department. The bill would also require the division to report those rates to the appropriate legislative committees once per year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12838.3 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 12838.3. There is hereby created within the Department of
4 Corrections and Rehabilitation—~~under the Division of Juvenile~~
5 *Justice which shall be headed by the Chief Deputy Secretary for*
6 *Juvenile Justice*;. *There is hereby created within the Division of*
7 *Juvenile Justice* the Division of Juvenile Facilities, the Division
8 of Juvenile Programs, and the Division of Juvenile Parole
9 Operations. Each ~~division of those three divisions~~ shall be headed
10 by a chief, who shall be appointed by the Governor, at the
11 recommendation of the secretary, subject to Senate confirmation,
12 who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
13 SEC. 2. Section 1710.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions
14 Code, to read:
15 1710.5. The Division of Juvenile Justice shall track recidivism
16 rates of youthful offenders under the jurisdiction of the department.
17 The division shall report those rates to the appropriate legislative
18 committees once per year.